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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated October 24, 2006 and the Interview Summary relating to the October 13, 2006 interview, for the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully submit the following responsive remarks:

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's efforts with respect to the October 13, 2006 interview, the subsequent Examiner's Amendment to claims 101 and 113, and during the prosecution of this application in general.

In addition to the Examiner's reasons for allowance, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are allowable because no combination of the prior art of record discloses, teaches or suggests the combination of the features recited in the claims.

Specifically, claim 101 is believed allowable because no combination of the prior art of record discloses, teaches or suggests a method for electronically publishing text-based data that includes, dividing the text-based data into a plurality of portions of text-based data; obtaining an amended portion of text-based data that is amended relative to one of the plurality of portions of text-based data; storing each of the plurality of portions of text-based data; storing the amended portion of text-based data; providing a plurality of attributes, wherein the attributes define a manner in which the plurality of portions of text-based data and the amended portion of text-based data can be organized, displayed and linked in a multidimensional space; encoding each of the plurality of portions of text-based data and the amended portion of text-based data with a markup language to include at least one link

defined by one of the plurality of attributes; allowing a user to search the text-based data using at least one of the plurality of attributes; and displaying the text-based data to the user by: displaying at least one of the plurality of portions of text-based data or the amended portion of text-based data in response to the search; and displaying text, and/or one or more selectable links representing at least one additional attribute.

Claim 113 is believed allowable because no combination of the prior art of record discloses, teaches or suggests a method for electronically searching legislation encoded with a markup language, including, allowing a user to select a version date as a primary attribute of a multidimensional space and to input at least one search request; producing results based on the text of the legislation; displaying the results in a format that is configured to allow the user to select one of the results; displaying the result as a portion of legislation corresponding to a selected result that corresponds to the primary attribute and the at least one search request; displaying a link to cases related to the portion of legislation and a link to additional versions of the legislation; and allowing the user to select the version link or the case link; wherein, when the user selects the case link or version link, the portion of legislation is replaced with a list of portions of text-based data associated with the case link or the version link, respectively.

Claim 124 is believed allowable because no combination of the prior art of record discloses, teaches or suggests a method for electronically publishing text-based data, including, dividing the text-based data into a plurality of portions of text-based data; obtaining an amended portion of text-based data that is amended relative to one of the plurality of portions of text-based data; storing each of the plurality of portions of text-based data; storing the amended portion of text-based data; providing a plurality of attributes, wherein the attributes define a manner in which the plurality of portions of text-based data and the amended portion of text-based data can be organized, displayed and linked; encoding each of the plurality of portions of text-based data and the amended portion of text-based data with a markup language to include at least one link defined by one of the plurality of attributes; allowing a user to search the text-based data using at least one of the plurality of attributes; and displaying the text-based data to the user by: displaying at least one of the plurality of portions of text-based data or the amended

portion of text-based data in response to the search; and displaying one or more selectable links; wherein when the user selects the one or more selectable links, the plurality of portions related to a current portion based on the current portion's attributes are displayed as a graphical representation of a multidimensional space that is configured to allow a user

to select and thereby display text-based data represented by a point on the multidimensional space.

Claim 136 is believed allowable because no combination of the prior art of record discloses, teaches or suggests a method for electronically searching text-based data encoded with a mark-up language, including, allowing a user to select a version date as a primary attribute and to input at least one search request; producing results based on the text of the text-based data; displaying the results in a format that is configured to allow the user to select one of the results; displaying the result as a portion of text-based data corresponding to a selected result that corresponds to the at least one attribute and the at least one search request; displaying a link; allowing a user to select the link; whereupon the plurality of portions related to the current portion are displayed as a graphical representation of a multidimensional space; and allowing the user to select and thereby display text-based data represented by a point on the multidimensional space, wherein each point on the multidimensional space is defined by the value of one or more of a plurality of attributes.

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